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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Via Electronic Filing

RE: Ex Parte Filing
WC Docket No. 07-245 and GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

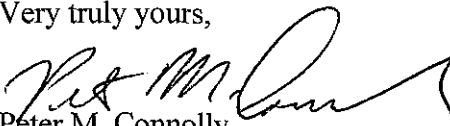
United States Cellular Corporation ("USCC"), through counsel, hereby comments on the issues now before the FCC in the above-referenced "pole attachment" proceeding. USCC, a mid-sized wireless carrier, has not participated in this proceeding, as it has not previously used utility poles in deploying its wireless antennas. However, it expects to make more extensive use of such poles in the future as it deploys new wireless broadband technologies.

USCC wishes to associate itself with the views expressed by other wireless carriers in this proceeding. That is, we believe attachments of wireless antennas to utility poles will facilitate improved wireless coverage and thus serve the public interest. We also agree that wireless carriers are entitled to the full protection of Section 224 of the Communications Act, and that the FCC should require utility pole owners to engage in good faith attachment negotiations with such carriers.

USCC also considers the "make ready" deadlines with respect to wireless attachments proposed in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("FNPRM") in this proceeding to be a step in the right direction, but believes they can and should be shorter than those set forth in the FNPRM, which result in a 148 day overall timeline for preparing utility poles for installation of wireless antennas. USCC also believes that the FCC should establish a pole attachment rate structure which will facilitate the deployment of wireless broadband, while providing reasonable compensation to pole owners. Lastly, USCC strongly supports adoption of an FCC complaint process which "fast tracks" pole attachment complaints, and requires penalties for non-compliance sufficient to deter unlawful denial of access on reasonable terms.

In the event there are questions, please communicate with undersigned counsel.

Very truly yours,


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